



Welcome to the MGC Register newsletter 7

We hope to send these out at regular intervals to keep you up to date with MGC news and events.

If you have something to share with fellow MGC owners send it to me and I will include it.

We hope to see some of you at some of the following events, let us know if you are coming to any of them.

In this issue we look at what has gone on in the last couple of months

Saturday & Sunday September 6/7 MGCC Fest North @ Croft Circuit, Darlington

Come along its going to be a great weekend.

We will be having a C Register Stand there, come and see us.

We had a very good weekend back in June for the C Register Day.

For those who were there for the whole weekend, we went to The National Museum of Computing which is right by Bletchley Park on the Saturday, so many of us did both museums, and then to The Shuttleworth Collection on the Sunday where 42 MGCs turned up and more owners whose cars couldn't make it, one was in Canada & one in Australia, and some undergoing work. (or left back at the hotel)

Full report later.

November 29th 2025

We have booked the hotel for our winter gathering, yes its already that time of year! Full details in a couple of pages. Please let Angie or Mike know when you book.

Dates for your diary

AGM—28th March @ Stratford Manor, Stratford Upon Avon TBC

MGC Weekender 14&15 May.

We need your stories and photos, let us know if you have been on any good trips or runs, or we would just like to see a picture of your car.

Good driving Mike & Angie Haughton



Croft Circuit • Darlington



MG Car Club are coming to the North

MG Car Club announce - MG Fest North 6-7th September
Croft Circuit - Darlington

Celebrating MG Car Club's 95th Anniversary

A FUN FILLED FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Arena entertainment, trade stands and circuit racing

Enjoying friends old and new

Eating, drinking and enjoying music



An MG Car Club event for all MGs



This weekend Festival will feature displays, trade stands and motorsport action

Full weekend race programme provided
by British Racing and Sports Car Club including MGs

Main Arena attractions • Anniversary cars celebrations • Arena Compere

Pride of Ownership • Show and Shine • Road Runs • Carkhana

Parade Laps • MG Register parking • MG Car Club shop

Classic buses into Northallerton • Music entertainment

Live band (Sat night Ticket entry) and DJ

Bar • Food • Trade stands • Auto Jumble

more to be confirmed!



No camping on site - but there are lots of local campsites and hotels around the area

Tickets and further information available soon via the website.

For more information - office@mgcc.co.uk

(Subject to change)



Croft Circuit, West Lane, Dalton On Tees, North Yorkshire DL2 2PL



You are invited to the

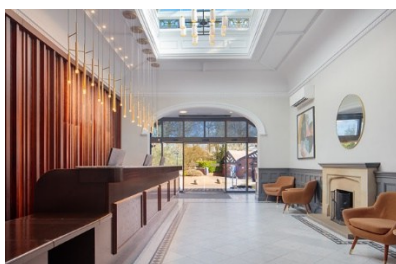
C Register Christmas Bash

Date- 29 November 2025

Timing: Gather for drinks at the Avon Room from 6.30pm. Dinner at 7 30pm

Venue- Chesford Grange Hotel, B4115, Kenilworth, CV8 2LD

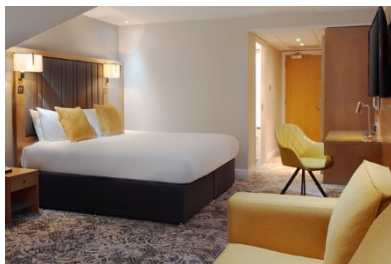
<https://www.chesfordgrange.com/>



(Pictures courtesy of the hotel)

Introduction

By popular request we are returning to the Chesford Grange Hotel. Located near the charming town of Royal Leamington Spa and close to the cultural delights of Warwick Castle and Shakespeare Country, the venue should be within easy reach of most of the Register. The hotel has been recently refurbished and has marvellous spa and pool facilities. It is a lovely combination of the original Tudor-style Manor House and the modern comforts of the contemporary wing – all set amongst the serenity of the quaint countryside and nearby River Avon. An event not to be missed!



(Pictures courtesy of the hotel)

Costs

Festive dinner double occupancy package £225

(Accommodation for the night of the 29th Nov and dinner/breakfast for 2 people)

Festive dinner single occupancy package £168

(Accommodation for the night of the 29th Nov and dinner/breakfast for 1 person)

Dinner only £51

Festive dinner includes welcoming drink, three course festive meal, tea, coffee and mince pies.

Booking arrangements

If you would like to come, please note that by making the booking you accept the hotel passing your booking details to members of the Register Committee.

Please follow the following steps-

1. Room booking - to book a room please call the Chesford Grange Hotel on 01926 515114, ask to speak to Emma Machin to book the room quoting the booking reference- MG Club 29th November 2025. Make the booking. a £50 non-refundable deposit payment is required on initial booking with the full payment required by 1st October 2025.

Other nights are available, and rate will be confirmed by the hotel when the booking is made.

Rooms will be held until 1 October so please book as soon as you can.

2. Meal booking – to book places for the meal only please call the Chesford Grange Hotel on 01926 515114, ask to speak to Emma Machin to book the dinner quoting the booking reference- MG Club 29th November 2025. Please book by 1 November 2025.

3. **Christmas dinner choice – please review the menu attached with this email, make your choices and email them to Angie Haughton at- mgc_angie@btinternet.com**

Note: If you sadly need to cancel your booking prior to 1st October, you will not be refunded the deposit but can transfer the booking to another club member who hasn't yet booked. Payment details would need to be organised via yourselves. If you need to cancel after 1st October cancellation terms and conditions apply whereby you may only receive part refund or none depending on when you cancel. Please speak with the hotel for further clarification.

PARTY NIGHT

MENU

Prawn & Lemon Sole Herb Terrine (GF)

A prawn and lemon sole terrine with fresh herbs, served with tangy Marie Rose sauce, fresh watercress, and pickled cucumber.

Ham Hock Terrine (GF)

Pressed ham hock, with sweet apple and onion chutney, sunflower seeds, and fresh rocket.

Roasted Parsnip Soup (GF)(VE)

Roasted parsnip soup, finished with a parsnip crisp and a drizzle of fragrant herb oil.

Herb-Stuffed Turkey Escalope (GF)

A delicious turkey escalope, stuffed with classic sage and onion stuffing, served with crispy roasted potatoes, honey-roasted root vegetables, buttered sprouts, and bacon-wrapped chipolatas and rich festive gravy.

Roast Fillet of Salmon (GF)

Roasted salmon fillet with chargrilled courgettes, crushed basil new potatoes, and finished with a rich shellfish bisque.

Spiced Potato and Soybean Tart (GF)(VE)

A festive spiced potato and soybean tart, served with crushed root vegetables, tenderstem broccoli, and a tomato-and red pepper sauce.

Chocolate and Orange Tart (VE)(GF)

A rich chocolate tart with a zesty orange twist, finished with a refreshing passionfruit coulis.

Biscoff Cheesecake

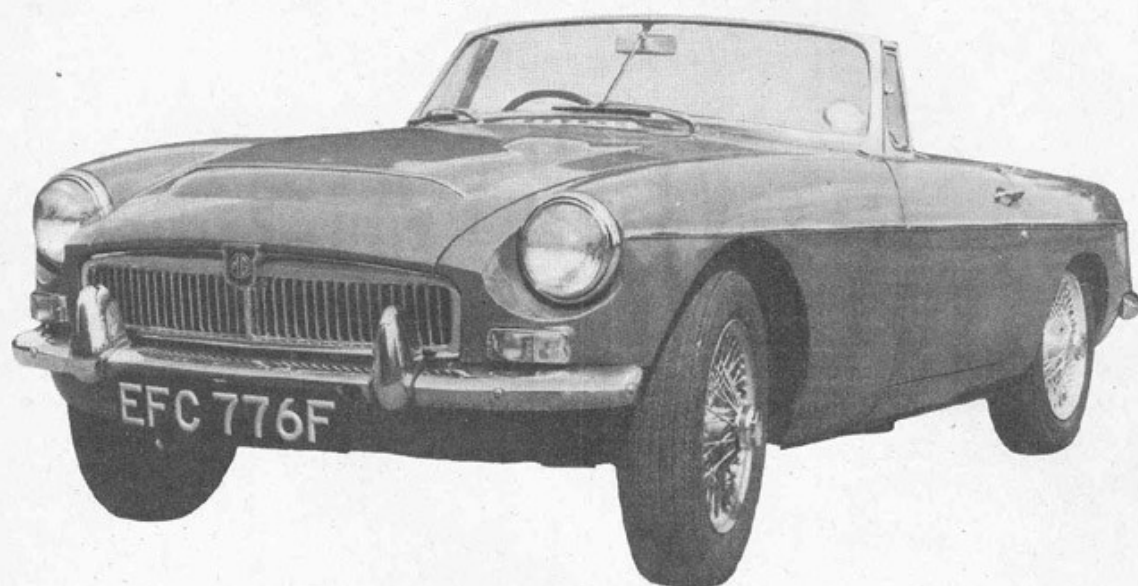
A creamy Biscoff cheesecake topped with caramelised banana and crunchy Biscoff crumb.

Raspberry & White Chocolate Torte (GF)

A raspberry torte with meringue, topped with a raspberry compote and white chocolate pearls.



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MGC Weekend 2025

This years main MGC gathering was held over a glorious weekend in June. Many members made a full weekend of it and stayed at the Moore Place Hotel near Milton Keynes, who looked after us very well.

A group of us met up at the National Museum of Computing, which is a fascinating place to visit, and goes through the history of computing from wartime decoding using amazing (and huge) machines like Colossus, and takes the visitor through the decades with examples of many machines us oldies will recognise such as the Sinclair Spectrum, the BBC Acorn, the first home PCs, computer games like Space invaders – and the iPhone!

It also had one of the 1st ERNIE machines which picked the premium bond winners, it was obviously faulty as it never picked any f my numbers!



Always time to stop and chat

Many of us made the short (but very hot!) walk around to Bletchley Park itself, which has a display of wartime decoding machines, including the famous Enigma Machine. Many outbuildings with equipment and displays outlining the work that was done there from 1939-1945 and onwards.

The main house is open to walk around and see various offices and so on. Someone had moved the snooker table, so we missed out on a game!

The gardens are nice too – as was the ice cream.....

Saturday evening meal was enjoyed with a good number of members present, and with much jollity – the usual raffle too.



Then the Main Day which was Sunday at The Shuttleworth Collection (Old Warden Airfield). There were 42 MGCs present and parked up in front of the main hangar- a great sight! It would have been more cars but a couple of minor-ish breakdowns meant 2 were left at the hotel. I had a message saying one had packed up on the way from home on that morning. Two of our members visiting from overseas were understandably in rental cars. Sadly Steven Adams C had been stolen just before the event (let us know if you get it back Steve). Not really a consolation, but Steves son Dan won car of the show with his mineral blue roadster.

Most members took the opportunity to explore the museum with planes from the Edwardian age and newer. I think most also checked out the Swiss Garden and the Manor House.



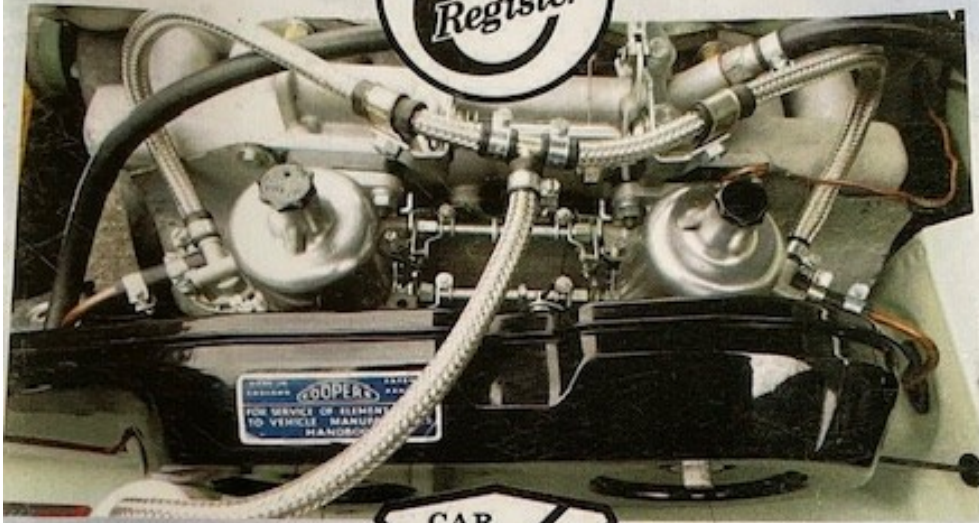
There was a fair amount of action on the airfield, which is a live one with pilots dropping in presumably for a coffee! There was an old American plane of interest.

The highlight was when Shuttleworth brought out their Spitfire which gave us 15 minutes or so of aerobatics. I'd like to say that I arranged it just for the Register – but in fact it was arranged by a family who had their fathers ashes scattered from the plane.

I think I can safely say that a great day was had by all.



TUNING SU CARBS



HOW SU CARBS WORK?

Produced by the MG Car Club C Register

With thanks to Stuart Casey

We have reprinted this ever popular booklet and have a small supply of them.

If you would like a copy please email mgc_angie@btinternet.com

Price £7.50, plus £2 postage

C Here



MG's in the Park, all the MGCs got to park together, well done to Peter on his award for his car.



Lindsay & Mary have been enjoying the empty roads in France & Mark & Claire have had a wonderful time in Devon



Padraig knows how to keep his C in style (for 37 years) and is starting them of young, never to early.



Good to see Romeo & Mabel side by side, 1st time for about 20years.

Romeo trying out the transporter for size.



MGC Register Weekender @ The Ripon Inn



15 rooms have been reserved for the Register for Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May 2026 at the Ripon Inn, Ripon. Room booking is on a first-come-first-served basis. The deadline for the room rate is 1st March 2026. If any rooms have not been taken by 1st March they will be handed back to the hotel.

1. Double/Twin occupancy £145 Bed & Breakfast per room, per night (price based on classic and superior rooms).

2. Single occupancy £119 Bed & Breakfast per room, per night (price based on standard double rooms).

3. A £30 dinner food allowance can be pre-added to your booking for £25 per person. This offer must be taken out at the time of booking and cannot be added later prior to arrival.

4. Additional night's accommodation can be booked with 15% discount off the hotel's website price for the weekend.

Bookings can be made by calling central reservations on 0191 580360 mentioning MGC Register event. This telephone number is manned Monday-Friday 9am-7pm and 9am-5pm at weekends. A 10% deposit or full payment is required to secure the booking with full payment taken 6 weeks before arrival.

It is anticipated the weekend will consist of a road run plus a visit to an attraction (TBC).



European Event of the Year in Brive/Perigord 21-24 May 2026

<https://mgevent2026.mgclubdefrance.com/en/>

We have been contacted by the Y Register who have committee members in France not far from the EEOY who have suggested to us and the A and T Registers that it might be good to organise things as a group for travelling to the event. It may even be possible to get group rates for hotels from example.

If you are going to the EEOY and would like to join a travelling group please let me know.

It's coming home . . . Can you help?

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Sorry I've not been in touch. I've now got the MGC back in the UK after an epic road trip across Europe from Cyprus. We're making a film of the journey and will happily share when complete.

I've joined the MGCcarClub and much to my surprise - they've told me the previous history of the car I've just brought 2500 miles across Europe to my home in Burwash... is it spent its life from 1987-2021 in rural village called OLD HEATHFIELD.

Honestly - I can't quite believe it. What an amazing coincidence! It seems the car was only 5 miles away before it went to Cyprus!! And then came home to Burwash!

Is there any chance in your membership you might be able to help me trace the history and get in touch with the previous owners?

Here she is in Cyprus before I drive her back.

Jason Perry



GBCC member Paul Tordoff never really planned to buy an MGC, but after reading an MGOC magazine article about the car in September 2022, it inspired him to try and acquire the actual car in the article, if it ever came up for sale. After looking for many months, he assumed that the car must have been sold privately and had almost given up hope.

Then in July this year, it turned up in Mathewson's auction catalogue. An exceptionally original 1969 MGC roadster

with a 2912cc 6-cylinder engine.

Acquisition and Early Days

Already the proud owner of a stunning green MGB roadster and a regular at GBCC events and car meets, he never intended to sell his MGB, but when the MGC came up it was too good an opportunity to miss. Paul knew that when "Bangers & Cash" TV show recommission or restore the cars, they are carried out to a good standard and the MGC was sent to the MGOC workshop for a minimal recommissioning for the TV show.



Auction Experience

When Mathewson's of 'Bangers & Cash' TV fame listed this MGC for auction, Paul with his wife's support decided to place a bid in lieu of a luxury cruise celebration for his upcoming 'special' birthday in early 2025. The auction took place on 24th July 2024 and Paul submitted an absentee bid for the auction with his maximum amount. When the auction was live, he was travelling and didn't know he was the winning bidder, until he received messages from a number of friends who were watching the auction live, including our editor, Mike.

The car was delivered to his home around two weeks later, followed by the TV crew another two weeks after that with all of the history and paperwork for an interview and follow up for the TV show. The "Bangers and Cash Restoring Classics" featuring Paul's MGC was aired on TV in November 2024, Series 5 Episode 2.



Condition and History

Originally purchased new from S. Plumb & Son in Doncaster on January 6, 1969, for £966.5s.0p plus £297.10s.8p in purchase tax, the MGC has only covered 5300 miles on the clock. It comes with a comprehensive file of MOTs up to 1984, after which it was stored in a garage for 40 years, making it a true survivor/barn find. It still had the original plastic protection over the seats and cross-ply tyres!

Further Enhancements and Use

Recommissioned by The MG Owner's Club with minimal changes as per the TV show's brief, Paul has since fitted electronic ignition, a new water pump, mirrors, speedo cable, and retouched some paintwork while preserving the original finish. He also rewired the driving lights and added pins for a new tonneau cover.

Events and Driving Experience

Paul enjoys participating in events like the GBCC charity drive for Prostate in September and attending classic car meets. He prefers driving the car over entering it in shows, covering between 2,000 and 3,000 miles annually.

A big thank you to Mike Winn for sending me this article which he had written for Classic Connections the newsletter for the Great British Car Journey Museum.

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Hi MG Enthusiast (UK),

The Book, 'MGCs Down Under', is now available.

Description:

The chapters cover a range of topics from the creation of the MGC, with a particular focus on the Australian connection, personal stories from MGC owners, Bruce Ibbotson's modification and RichardMixture's technical ramblings, to how the new MGC ended up Down Under in Australia, New Zealand and Papua. It also includes a list, with thumbnails photos, of MGCs in Australia and New Zealand - who knows, yourMGC might be there.

What it costs:

It's excellent value at AUD \$79 for the soft cover, AUD \$110 for the hard cover (only 100 copies available). Australia Post charges AUD \$58 postage to the UK.

Quotes:

"No other MG book that I have, has so much technical information about problems and the fixes required, it should become a reference book for MGC owners." Bruce, Aust.

"The second MGC book following Graham Robson's "Abington's Grand Tourer" to be published and it is a great read, informative, amusing and RichardMixture is a national treasure! If Graham was still alive, he would have been most pleased to see it." Barrie, UK.

"I want to say that I am amazed at what was done by the guys in Australia and New Zealand to improve the C. You really put together a fine book ..." Jeff, USA.

No doubt you are aware of the book 'MGCs Down Under'. I have finally sorted out the links and now the MGCs Down Under website is live.

Please have a look. <https://www.mgcsdownunder.com/> (to purchase the book)

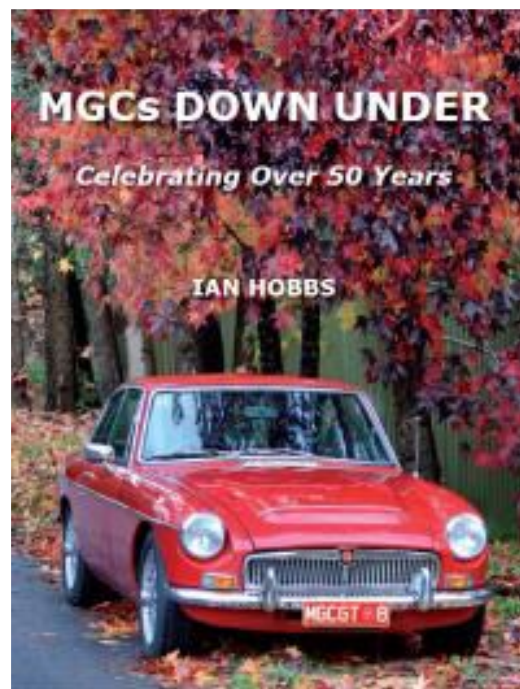
Please share the website with your members. Thanks

Ian Hobbs

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I can highly recommend this book having got a copy, its very interesting.



And finally, we have a range of clothing items available via ACE, this is just an sample of some of the things available, many more items and colours available. Just a note that the sizing is on the snug side.

MGC Register Merchandise Store

Order on-line here:

<https://mgcreg.ace-online.co.uk/catalogue>



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Fleece £25
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